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**Applicant:** Munishkin and Grossman )  
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Kits, and Apparatus for )  
Determining the Presence or )  
Absence of Target Molecules )  
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**REPLY**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 23, 2002, Applicants file the following response.